

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

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**Art Unit 2823**

**Examiner**  
**Brewster, William M.**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on June 17, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:



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**COVER LETTER**

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[ x ] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	32	32	12 (Over 20)	x \$18	0.00
Independent Claims	28	28	25 (Over 3)	x \$86	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
				TOTAL	0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)

[ ] Substitute Specification & marked-up copy

[ ] Preliminary Amendment

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] RCE

[ ] Terminal Disclaimer

[ ] Letter to Draftsperson

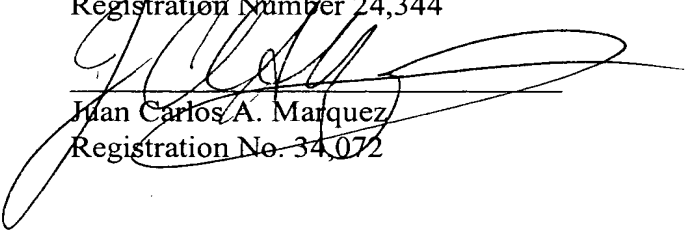
[ ] Assignment

[ ] Petition under \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] Please charge my **Deposit Account Number** \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fees for \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- [ ] A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee is enclosed.
- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

Respectfully submitted,

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